

Oregon's School Lands

Benefitting schoolchildren since statehood



The act of Congress admitting Oregon to the Union in 1859 granted sections 16 and 36 of every township for the use of schools. Today, about 750,000 acres remains in state ownership and is managed to benefit public schools.

Revenue from school lands goes to the Common School Fund, which has provided hundreds of millions of dollars to public schools. In 2018, more than \$57 million was distributed to K-12 school districts.

The State Land Board

The State Land Board was established to oversee school lands, and has been the trustee of the Common School Fund for more than 150 years. The State Land Board is the Governor, Secretary of State, and Treasurer.

The Stevens Road Tract



The Stevens Road property was acquired from the federal Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in the 1990's to satisfy a 1991 court decision that the State of Oregon was owed approximately 5,200 acres of public domain lands from admission into the Union.

Stevens Road Timeline

History of ownership and agency actions

1997	DSL acquires the tract from BLM
June 2007	Conceptual Master Plan demonstrates opportunity for UGB expansion
January 2009	City approves 8,400 acre UGB expansion including all of Stevens Road tract
April 2009	DSL completes Initial Site Assessment – detailed evaluation of property condition
January 2010	Land Conservation and Development Commission remands UGB expansion
February 2013	Rezone of western 382 acres from EFU to MUA to meet LCDC remand requirement
2014 - 2016	City of Bend Technical Advisory Committee studies and corrects issues in remand order
December 2015	Bat management plan completed to evaluate natural resources on the tract
November 2016	LCDC acknowledges new configuration as eligible for UGB expansion
December 2016	City approves amended UGB expansion including 382 acres of Stevens Road tract
October 2017	State Land Board authorizes DSL to conduct due diligence of development options
February 2018	DSL hosts open house in Bend to discuss the property's future
Spring 2019	DSL completes survey and property line adjustment to align parcels with UGB
Summer 2019	Appraisal completed to evaluate development options and value
Fall 2019	Public comment period October 17 to November 15 and public meeting October 29
December 2019	Land Board meets to determine path forward for Stevens Road tract